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HOUSE BILL 131

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL; ADDING REQUIREMENTS FOR GIFTED  
EDUCATION TEACHERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the School Personnel Act is  
enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ REQUIREMENTS FOR GIFTED EDUCATION  
TEACHERS.--

A. The department shall establish competencies for  
gifted education teachers.

B. Beginning January 1, 2012, gifted education  
teachers shall be highly qualified in gifted education and  
shall demonstrate the competencies for gifted education  
teachers.

C. A gifted education teacher may meet the

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1 requirement of being highly qualified by:

2 (1) completing a minimum of twelve graduate  
3 hours of courses in the teaching of gifted students from an  
4 accredited college or university;

5 (2) passing a state-approved assessment  
6 examination for gifted education; or

7 (3) completing three or more years of gifted  
8 education teaching and successfully completing a portfolio  
9 process reviewed by two or more individuals who already meet  
10 the highly qualified requirement for gifted education teachers.

11 D. For the purpose of this section, "gifted  
12 education teacher" means a teacher who provides special  
13 instruction or case management to a student who qualifies as  
14 gifted in accordance with Sections 22-13-6 and 22-13-6.1 NMSA  
15 1978."

16 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
17 provisions of this act is July 1, 2009.

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